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SUBJ: NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL VISIT TO PEKING

1. AT POLADS ON JANUARY 14, NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK), SKIMMING FROM CABLES IN FRONT OF HIM, REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JANUARY 4-8 VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO CHINA. VAN DER STOEL MET WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO P'ING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES, WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI FOR AN UNSPECIFIED LENGTH OF TIME AND HE HAD THREE SEPARATE SESSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN HUA.

2. TENG REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCES OF THE PRG BY WAY OF LEADING UP TO A WARNING TO VAN DER STOEL NOT TO TRUST EITHER THE U.S. OR THE USSR. TENG SAID, "WITH HONEY ON THEIR LIPS AND MURDER IN THEIR HEARTS THEY
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SPEAK OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS ALL THE WHILE THEY ARE PREPARING FOR WAR." THEREFORE, TENG CONTINUED, EUROPE SHOULD REST UNITED AND ON ITS GUARD. IT IS EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT THAT NATO SHOULD REMAIN STRONG. TENG FURTHER

WARNED VAN DER STOEL NOT TO PUT TOO MUCH TRUST IN ANY TREATY THAT EMERGES FROM THE CSCE. "THE SAME HAND WHICH SIGNS SUCH A TREATY TEARS IT APART." AS TESTIMONY TO THIS JUDGEMENT, TENG SAID ONE NEED ONLY RECALL THAT THE PRC STILL HAS A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE USSR.

3. VAN DER STOEL HAD A LIVELY "TOUR D'HORIZON" WITH CHOU EN-LAI AND FOUND THE PREMIER INCREASINGLY ALERT AND LIVELY AS THEIR MEETING PROGRESSED, VERY WELL INFORMED, AND FILLED WITH MANY UP-TO-DATE QUESTIONS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER THOUGHT CHOU LOOKED PHYSICALLY MORE FRAGILE THAN THE LAST TIME THEY MET. CITING THE MOTTO OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM (IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH), AND THE LESSON OF DUTCH PARTICIPATION IN THE BENELUX UNION, CHOU SPOKE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF EC-9 UNITY AGAINST THE EXPANSIONISM OF THE SOVIET UNION. INTERESTINGLY, IN EXPANDING ON HIS VIEWS IN FAVOR OF A STRONG NATO AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE CHINESE PREMIER REPORTEDLY "WELCOMED THE DECISION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER TO PUT TWO EXTRA BRIGADES IN GERMANY."

4. IN THE FIRST OF THE THREE MEETINGS WITH CHIAO, VAN DER STOEL WAS AGAIN TREATED TO CHINESE WARNINGS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARING FOR WAR. IN DISCUSSING THE NUCLEAR DANGER, CHIAO SAID PEKING DOES NOT THINK NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION CAN BE AVOIDED THROUGH TREATIES. ONLY TOTAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT THE NUCLEAR SUPER-POWERS WILL NEVER GO THAT FAR. THEREFORE, HE CONCLUDED, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS INEVITABLE. PEKING HAS SEEN PROOF OF THIS IN THE CASE OF INDIA AND CHIAO DISMISSED NEW DELHI PROTESTATIONS ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AS "SO MUCH NONSENSE."

5. THE SECOND REOUND OF CONVERSATIONS REPORTEDLY FOCUSSED ON THE ENERGY CRISIS. CHIAO WARNED THAT EUROPE SHOULD AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCERS. HE SAID THAT WHILE CHINA ITSELF WAS A PRODUCING NATION, IT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO HELP OTHERS BECAUSE ITS RESOURCES WILL BE FULLY REQUIRED FOR ITS OWN FUTURE INDUSTRIALIZATION

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6. THE THIRD ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS TOUCHED ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS:

-- THE UN: WHILE CHINA HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR ONLY A FEW YEARS, PEKING HAS CONCLUDED THAT "NOT TOO MUCH HOPE SHOULD BE INVESTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION AS A MEANS OF KEEPING PEACE." WHILE IT IS USEFUL FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS, IT IS TOO OFTEN A SITE FOR CONFRONTATION. THE PROBLEM, CHIAO SAID, IS THAT LIKE ANY DEMOCRACY, THE UN WORKS BY MAJORITY RULE. HE DEFINED DEMOCRACY AS "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY."

-- JAPAN: ACCORDING TO CHIAO, PRC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN ARE MUCH BETTER, THOUGH NOT YET FULLY NORMAL.

-- INDIA: CHIAO SAID INDIA INHERITED BRITISH IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS
TO BE MASTERS OF THE SUB-CONTINENT. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE USSR

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INDIA HAS CUT PAKISTAN IN TWO. NEVERTHELESS, THE PRC IS READY TO
NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH INDIA; HOWEVER, NO RESONSE HAS THUS FAR
BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM NEW DELHI. THUS, TIME WILL HAVE TO GO BY BEFORE
THERE CAN BE CHANGE IN RELATIONS.

-- COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT FOR ASIA: CHIAO SAID THIS IS A SOVIET
PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST CHINA. OBVIOUSLY, CHINA CANNOT PARTICIPATE
IN SUCH AN APPROACH. INDEED HE TOLD GROMYKO TO HIS FACE THAT THE
SOVIET PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD AMOUNTED TO AN ATTEMPT TO ENLARGE THE
WARSAW PACT. THE PRC INTENDS INSTEAD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
ASEAN NATIONS, CHIAO SAID. VAN DER STOEL REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT
THAT IF THIS WERE SO, PEKING WOULD NO DOUBT WISH TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. CHIAO REPLIED THAT CHINA HOPES
TO DO SO IN 1975.

-- KOREA: CHIAO ASKED THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER WHY THE
NETHERLANDS DID NOT RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA, SUGGESTING IT WOULD BE
BEST
IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RECOGNIZED BOTH KOREAS, JUST AS
THEY RECOGNIZE BOTH GERMANY'S. IN REPLY, VAN DER STOEL POINTED OUT
THAT SO FEW COMMUNIST COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA THEY
WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE MAJOR EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS
WHICH CHIAO RECOMMENDS. IF THIS WERE DONE, THE NETHERLANDS MIGHT
RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.
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7. ON BILATERAL SUBJECTS, NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED ON TWO ITEMS WHICH
WERE DISCUSSED: (A) THE POSSIBILITY OF A TREATY ON SHIPPING AND
AVIATION. ON THIS, HE SAID, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE JUST BEGUN AND NOTHING
HAS YET BEEN ACHIEVED. (B) POSSIBILITY OF ADMISSION TO CHINA ON A
PERMANENT BASIS OF A NETHERLANDS PRESS CORRESPONDENT. THE CHINESE
REPLY WAS NOT VERY POSITIVE ON THIS POINT. BRUCE

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